

RESUME OF JOHN B. QUINN

John B. Quinn is one of the most prominent business trial lawyers in the United States. As *Chambers* put it in their guide to U.S. lawyers and law firms: “‘Tough guy’ John Quinn is ‘confident and quick’ say clients. Opponents acknowledge his ‘convincing courtroom demeanor’ and one even named him ‘literally the best I have ever faced in the past half dozen years.’” This sentiment echoed *The American Lawyer*’s 2006 feature article, which described the Am Law 100 firm that Mr. Quinn built from scratch as “Better. Faster. Tougher. Scarier”. (“The Mighty Quinn, John Quinn Is in Better Shape Than You Are. Now He Wants to Eat Your Lunch”, *The American Lawyer*, 2006.) Or, as further summed up by his clients in *Chambers*—“there is no other”. He has been described by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* as a “legal titan” and by *Chambers* as a “known litigation genius”.

He has been named “One of the World’s Leading Litigation Lawyers” by *Euromoney Institutional Investor*; “One of California’s Leading Litigators” by *Chambers*; “One of the Top 3 Trial Lawyers of Choice by General Counsel in California” by *California Law Business*; one of the “Outstanding Trial Lawyers of America,” by *Chambers USA*; “One of the Top 15 Litigators in California” by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*; “One of the Top 45 Lawyers Under the Age of 45 in the United States” by *The American Lawyer* (when he was under 45); “One of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in California” by *California Law Business* (one of 9 business litigators so named); a “Litigation Star” by *Benchmark Litigation*; a First Tier “Leading Trial Lawyer” by *The Legal 500 USA*; and a “Super Lawyer” by *Los Angeles Magazine*. In 2003 he won the largest jury verdict awarded to individual plaintiffs (source: AP). In 2009, he was named “California Attorney of the Year” for “extraordinary achievements” in intellectual property law by *The California Lawyer* for his work on the highly publicized litigation for Mattel, Inc. over the “Bratz” line of dolls. In 2013, he was named one of “The 100 Most Influential Lawyers in America” by *The National Law Journal* and one of *The American Lawyer*’s “Top 50 Most Innovative Lawyers” over the past half century. In 2015, he was named “Transatlantic Law Firm Leader of the Year” at *The American Lawyer*’s Transatlantic Legal Awards.

Since 1987, Mr. Quinn has also been General Counsel of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization that awards the Academy Awards.

NOTABLE REPRESENTATIONS

Represented General Motors in suit against Volkswagen, certain VW directors and officers, and GM’s former head of sourcing in Detroit for stealing secret GM documents. Working closely with inside lawyers from GM and lawyers in Germany, the team led by Mr. Quinn marshaled evidence in Detroit and the U.S. and defeated all Volkswagen’s jurisdictional and substantive motions. On the eve of the Volkswagen chairman’s deposition, Mr. Quinn obtained a \$1.1 billion settlement for General Motors.

Represented Samsung Electronics Company and its U.S. subsidiaries in the latest chapter of Cupertino based Apple Inc.’s “holy war” (Steve Jobs’ words) against the Android smartphone operating system. Apple alleged that Samsung infringed five patents and owed Apple \$2.2 billion in damages. During a trial held in Apple’s backyard (San Jose, California), the firm convinced the jury that two of Apple’s patents were not infringed and, more importantly, that Apple’s damages were less than 5.5% of the amount Apple sought. Mr. Quinn’s trial team further convinced the jury that Apple itself was an infringer, having used technology covered by one of Samsung’s counterclaim patents. Mr. Quinn was lead counsel at trial.

Represented two dozen hedge funds—including Elliott, Davidson-Kempner, Appalloosa, and Angelo Gordon—as plaintiff-holders of Yosemite and Enron Credit-Linked (ECLN) Notes in the Yosemite v. Citibank action in the Enron MDL. The noteholders asserted fraudulent transfer claims against Citibank and collectively sought in excess of \$1.4 billion on those claims. With Citibank’s motion for summary judgment pending, Citibank and Enron agreed to a joint settlement and our clients received in excess of \$2.1 billion in payments from the Enron bankruptcy estate.

Represented two German nationals, formerly employed by Bertelsmann, who moved to Santa Barbara and sued media giant Bertelsmann AG and its former CEO. While working for Bertelsmann, the former executives had been the driving force behind the creation and development of AOL Europe, a joint venture between Bertelsmann and AOL. When Bertelsmann sold its interest in AOL Europe for \$6.75 billion, it refused to compensate plaintiffs. They asserted claims for breach of contract and breach of partnership agreement, among others. Mr. Quinn obtained a \$295 million verdict. It was the seventh largest jury verdict in the nation that year.

Represented Dr. Enrico Bondi, Extraordinary Commissioner of Parmalat S.P.A., in three separate \$10 billion lawsuits arising out of the largest bankruptcy in European history (“Europe’s Enron”)—against Grant Thornton, Bank of America, and Citigroup, for aiding and abetting Parmalat’s insiders in the commission of massive fraud and for auditor malfeasance. Obtained a \$150 million settlement from Deloitte & Touche.

Obtained favorable settlement of objections filed by the Lehman Brothers Creditors’ Committee and the Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. estates to claims asserted by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in the bankruptcy cases pursuant to which approximately \$700 million in funds were returned to the LBHI estate and \$80 million in claims were re-characterized from secured to unsecured claims.

Represented Occidental Petroleum and won jury verdict establishing liability in insurance coverage case regarding business interruption losses sustained from over two hundred terrorist bombings of an oil pipeline in Colombia. Case settled for nine figures before the damages phase of the trial. Mr. Quinn was lead counsel at trial.

Represented Avery Dennison Corporation and obtained an \$80 million jury verdict in theft of trade secret case against Taiwanese competitor and its chairman. Mr. Quinn was lead counsel at trial.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School
(J.D., *cum laude*, 1976)
Knox Fellow, Harvard University, 1976-1977
Harvard Law Review:
Editor, 1974-1976

Claremont Men’s College
(B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1973)

ADMISSIONS

The State Bar of California
The State Bar of New York